



State of Utah Performance Measurement

In Utah, the legislative and executive branches collaborate on performance measurement which includes line item and funding item performance measures. Performance measurement in the state has been ongoing for many years. However, since 2021, the legislative and executive branches have aligned efforts in order to reduce the burden on agencies and focus efforts on providing the best service to those who use state services. Through this work we seek to tie performance measures to the budget by telling the story of investments, outputs, and outcomes for any organization or project funded by Utah taxpayer dollars. Through these collective efforts, two types of performance measures have been established as tools for long-term and short-term evaluation.

Line Item Performance Measures

In 2014, the Executive Appropriations Committee took a motion directing all subcommittees to include performance measures for each major line item in an annual appropriations act. These measures are:

- Measures of a program's objective, effectiveness, etc. that are included as intent language under a line item, in an appropriations bill
- Reported annually
- Meant to show long-term trends and progress toward key agency goals

Funding Item Performance Measures

An extension from the Legislature's funding item follow-up report, in 2021, [HB 326](#), Performance Reporting and Efficiency Requirements, required executive department agencies to develop performance measures for each applicable funding item following session. These measures are:

- Measures of a program's objective, effectiveness, etc. that result from action during a legislative session that appropriate \$500,000 or more from the General Fund or Income Tax Fund
- Reported once, typically after the close of the first fiscal year of funding
- Meant to show the short-term impact of new funding

Guiding Statute for Line Item and Funding Item Performance Measures

- [Utah Code 63J-1-903](#)